

Minutes  
Registration Review Workgroup  
Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee  
September 24 Teleconference

Participants

EPA: Jay Ellenberger, Richard Dumas, Michael Nieves, and  
Teresa Downs, and Vivian Prunier

Workgroup Members: Carolyn Brickey, Sue Crescenzi, Larry Elworth, Wally Ewart, Ted  
Head, Therese Murtagh, Steve Rutz, Troy Seidel, Julie Spagnoli,  
Roberta Spitko, Janine Rynczak (substituting for Warren Stickle),  
Ray McAllister, and Aaron Colangelo (substituting for Erik Olson)

Public attendees: ? Myer (substituting for Adrian Blansky (sp?)), Beth Carroll  
(Syngenta)

Minutes of August 11 Teleconference. The draft minutes were amended to add Roberta Spitko to the list of participants.

Registration Review Process Flow Chart. Workgroup members discussed a flowchart prepared by Cindy Baker and distributed to workgroup members. Questions raised by workgroup members included: 1) what action initiates the process? 2) when do stakeholders provide use and usage information? and 3) the “yes” arrow is missing from the “is the revised assessment acceptable?” decision box – where should this arrow go?

The participants agreed that the Agency should receive use and usage information from stakeholders at the start of the process. However, stakeholders, particularly USDA, needed lead time to assemble and prepare this information. Therese Murtagh, Larry Elworth, Ray McAllister, and Roberta Spitko agreed to draft a strategy for gathering and submitting stakeholder data at the beginning of the registration review process. This strategy would consider when schedules should be announced and how much lead time should be provided.

Stakeholder Involvement. The participants agreed that all stakeholders – including public interest groups – should have the opportunity to submit information at the beginning of the registration review process. Stakeholders should be able to comment on an Agency decision whether an existing risk assessment is still current and on proposed risk mitigation measures. The participants suggested adopting a public participation process similar to the one used currently in the reregistration and tolerance reassessment programs.

Managing the Registration Review of Inert Ingredients. The participants agreed that since a

pesticide's registration included inert as well as active ingredients, a consideration of the risk posed by inert ingredients must be included in the review of a pesticide's registration. At issue is how to design and manage this review. It was generally agreed that looking at inert ingredients on a product by product basis was inefficient. Several possible approaches were suggested, but none were discussed in depth. Jay asked the Workgroup to consider whether they wanted to consider recommending to the PPDC that the Agency develop a process for the review of inert ingredients during registration review and asked members to send their recommendations for an approach to inert ingredients to him and Betty and the other members of the Workgroup.

Presenting the Workgroup's Recommendations at the October 29 PPDC Meeting. Jay announced that the Workgroup's presentation on Registration Review was the first item on the agenda of the PPDC meeting on October 29 and 30 and that 1.5 hours was scheduled for it. Jim Jones and Anne Lindsay expect the Workgroup to select a panel of three or four people to present the workgroup's findings. The presentation should include: the Workgroup's charter and membership, the issues that the Workgroup identified and the recommendations on each, and any other issues that the Workgroup wants to present to the PPDC.

To prepare this presentation, Jay suggested a face-to-face meeting in mid-October. Teleconferencing would be available for those unable to attend in person. October 16 had been the date originally selected for this meeting. After the September 24 teleconference, Jay and Betty learned that neither of them will be available on October 16. A new date and place for this meeting will be set.

A final meeting of the Workgroup is scheduled for October 28. It may be used to complete preparation of the Workgroup's panel presentation to the PPDC on October 29. A FR notice, in addition to e-mail notification from Betty's or Jay's staff, will announce the dates and locations of the October Workgroup meetings which will be open to the public.